

**Texas Master Naturalist – Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting
May 13, 2009**

Present: Julie Clay, Steve Dodge, Jim Gardner, John Huecksteadt, Bob McKinley, Martha Miesch, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Gracie Waggener

Absent: William Lummis, Director of Communications-position vacant at present

President John Huecksteadt called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes for April Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes for approval. A motion to accept was placed by Steve Dodge, and seconded by Jim Stanley.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Miesch presented the Treasurer's report for April. A motion to approve was placed by Jim Gardner, and seconded by Steve Dodge.
3. **Director of Communications:** It was announced that Janet Csanyi has decided to resign her position due to work restraints. John Huecksteadt will make an announcement to the Chapter, and write a note of thanks for the newsletter. Phyllis Muska has agreed to fill the job in the interim until a replacement can be found.
4. **Chapter Picnic:** Plans are coming together for the picnic in June. The newsletter announcement was reviewed. The Board approved the expense of the purchase of plastic ware, and a brisket to be served, with members supplying side dishes. Members will be asked to RSVP to try to anticipate those needs.
5. **Advanced Training:** The Board discussed Advanced Training programs, and how they are approved. It was decided that Steve Dodge would continue to monitor and approve programs.
6. **State Policy:** Gracie Waggener, Secretary, and Priscilla Stanley, former Secretary will be searching for copies of State policies that have been issued in the past. Those policies will be copied and archived to have available for reference on questions put before the Board, and help in decision making by the Board.
7. **New Classes:** Bob McKinley reported that the New Class Committee had met. They had discussed the mentors program. and at this time are looking for candidates for mentors.
8. **Membership:** Julie Clay reported that she has sent out 18 applications for the new classes, and has had 3 returned. 2 could not meet the class requirements, and declined. Also that she had notified all 2009 prospects on our list, and sent packets to those requesting one.

The recruiting Brochures have been printed, and distributed, and newspaper articles will start running in May.

9. **Database Manager:** Lloyd Hemmert will assume the position, replacing Lee Knuepper as Database Manager. The Lee and Lloyd will work together to have the transition done in May and June. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board would purchase the Access program for Lloyd. (He has since purchased the program, and does not require re-imbusement).

The Board did agree to budget the future purchase of a database program (such as Access) if and when the purchase becomes necessary.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 1:30pm at Riverside Nature Center in the Nature Science Lab. All Hill Country Chapter members are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Gracie Waggener

Secretary